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FY 2002 Budget Recommendations

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for
Health and Human Services

Utah Department of Health
Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance Program

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1.0 Department of Health-Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance Program

Summary

The 1996 Legislature passed House Bill 302, Special Population - Health Care Provider Financial Assistance and Retention Act, for the purpose of promoting and facilitating the recruitment and retention of primary health care providers to serve special populations in medically underserved urban areas of the State. This is done through loan repayment grants and scholarships in return for a minimum two years obligated period of professional services in a medically underserved urban area of the State. Primary health care providers under this program include physicians, physician assistants, dentists, and mental health therapists.

Funding for this program is appropriated as a separate line item, in accordance with UCA 26-9e-10 (1).

	Analyst FY 2002 Base	Analyst FY 2002 Changes	Analyst FY 2002 Total
Financing			
General Fund	76,200		76,200
Beginning Nonlapsing	110,000		110,000
Closing Nonlapsing	(36,600)		(36,600)
Total	<u>\$149,600</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$149,600</u>
Programs			
Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance Program	149,600		149,600
Total	<u>\$149,600</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$149,600</u>
FTE/Other			
Total FTE	1		1

3.1 Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance Program

Recommendation The Analyst recommends a total FY 2002 General Fund budget of \$76,200, which continues the current funding level. The total budget, including nonlapsing funds is \$149,600.

	2000	2001	2002	Est/Analyst
Financing	Actual	Estimated	Analyst	Difference
General Fund	80,000	76,700	76,200	(500)
Beginning Nonlapsing	206,394	203,800	110,000	(93,800)
Closing Nonlapsing	(203,792)	(110,000)	(36,600)	73,400
Total	\$82,602	\$170,500	\$149,600	(\$20,900)
Expenditures				
Personal Services	18,253	19,500	19,000	(500)
In-State Travel	149	1,000	1,000	
Current Expense	64,200	150,000	129,600	(20,400)
Total	\$82,602	\$170,500	\$149,600	(\$20,900)
FTE/Other				
Total FTE	1	1	1	

Purpose

The Special Populations Health Care Provider Financial Assistance Program was created to promote and facilitate the recruitment and retention of primary health care providers to serve special populations in medically underserved urban areas of the State. The program makes available scholarships and loan repayment awards to recipients who agree to practice as primary health care providers for not less than two years in a medically underserved urban area of the State. While the program is statutorily authorized to award scholarships, it is not currently offering such.

During FY 2000, the Special Populations Health Care Provider Financial Assistance Program received seven dentist applications, 17 mental health therapist applications, and four physician assistant applications. Of these, three dentists, seven mental health therapists, and two physicians received an award. Awards average \$24,400 for a minimum two-year service obligation. The program obligated \$242,086 in grant funds and expended \$21,413 for program administration.

Since its inception, the Special Populations Health Care Provider Financial Assistance Program has received \$431,700 in appropriated funds, and has awarded grants to four dentists, eight mental health therapists, and three physicians. No professionals have completed their service obligations to the program. All four urban counties and 13 sites serving the urban underserved have benefited from the professional placements, allowing those communities the opportunities of more accessible health care. The program has provided funding to secure the obligation of a total of 30 years.

SPECIAL POPULATION HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM				
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Administrative Expenses</u>	<u>Funds Awarded</u>	<u>Grants</u>
1996-97	100,000	16,450		
1997-98	90,000	21,934		
1998-99	85,000	27,417	54,920	3
1999-2000	80,000	20,825	107,886	5
2000-2001	76,700	26,700	128,827	7
Total	431,700	113,326	291,633	15

4.0 Additional Information: Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance Program

4.1 Funding History

	1998 Actual	1999 Actual	2000 Actual	2001 Estimated	2002 Analyst
Financing					
General Fund			80,000	76,700	76,200
Beginning Nonlapsing			206,394	203,800	110,000
Closing Nonlapsing			(203,792)	(110,000)	(36,600)
Lapsing Balance		22,083			
Total	\$0	\$22,083	\$82,602	\$170,500	\$149,600
Programs					
Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance Program		22,083	82,602	170,500	149,600
Total	\$0	\$22,083	\$82,602	\$170,500	\$149,600
Expenditures					
Personal Services		15,658	18,253	19,500	19,000
In-State Travel		631	149	1,000	1,000
Current Expense		5,794	64,200	150,000	129,600
Total	\$0	\$22,083	\$82,602	\$170,500	\$149,600
FTE/Other					
Total FTE			1	1	1